



# Pro-Life Utah SUPPORTS HB467



## HB467 Abortion Changes

Sponsored by: Rep Karianne Lisonbee

### What Would It Do?

- Provides greater clarity about exceptions in the case of medical emergencies, the physical health of the mother, and fetal abnormalities that are incompatible with life.
- Prohibits out of state prescriptions for abortion drugs.
- Abortions due to rape or incest may not be performed after 18 weeks gestational age.
- Ends licensure for abortion clinics after May 2, 2023, and prohibits abortion clinics from operating as of January 1, 2024.

### Why We Support this Bill

Utah abortion statutes have changed due to three trigger bills going into effect since the *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health* decision. HB 467 addresses the changes made by these statutes and provides greater clarity to the law while still protecting innocent life.

In anticipation of the Abortion Ban Trigger Law going into effect, some doctors have raised concerns. HB 467 provides greater clarity about the exceptions, empowering doctors to provide the best and most appropriate medical and/or palliative care for infants as well as their mothers.

In addition, this bill prohibits out of state prescriptions for abortion drugs. This bill also limits reasons that qualify for the life and health of the mother abortion exception to be based on physical risk. HB 467 also limits the abortion exception for rape and incest to 18 weeks.

Finally, it abolishes non-hospital abortion clinics in the state of Utah, requiring abortions to be performed in a Utah hospital by ending licensing for abortion clinics. We fully expect the court case for Utah's Abortion Ban Trigger Law to be decided by January 2024. At that point, non-elective abortions such as in the case of a medical emergency, would take place in hospitals, providing greater safety for those women who undergo an abortion procedure.



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Dear Legislator:

We, as member organizations of the Empowered Families Coalition, are in solid support of HB467, Abortion Changes, sponsored by Representative Lisonbee.

HB467 makes changes to the abortion exceptions of life and health of the mother and fatal fetal defects in response to some doctors request for clarification. This legislation also modifies the definition of medical emergency to satisfy some doctors' concerns.

The bill prohibits the licensing of abortion clinics and adds "unprofessional conduct" as a consequence of violating abortion code. It also limits abortion based on rape or incest to 18 weeks gestational age and requires a woman with a fatal fetal diagnosis to be provided information about perinatal hospice in lieu of abortion.

These are all important changes in preparation for the Abortion Trigger Law injunction to be lifted but stand on their own to strengthen Utah abortion law as well.

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